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PLANT-QUARANTINE IMPORT RESTRICTIONS OF THE REPUBLIC OF CUBA

RESTRICTIONS GOVERNING THE IMPORTATION OF SEED POTATOES

According to Decree No. 3495, published in the Official Gazette of November 25, 1945, and effective January 1, 1946, regulations governing the importation of seed potatoes (Solanum tuberosum L.) into Cuba (see B.E.P.Q.--519, p. 11) have been amended to read as follows: (From Foreign Tariffs and Trade Controls of the United States Department of Commerce for week ending January 21, 1946)

Import Permit Required

1. Importers desiring to import whole potatoes into Cuba for use as seed are required to obtain a permit from the Ministry of Agriculture. The petition must state the quantity and variety of potatoes and the ports of shipment and destination. The seed potatoes may be imported through the Customs only with the permission of the Ministry of Agriculture.

Seed potatoes may be imported only by foodstuffs importers who have been established for at least one year, corporations, co-operatives, or associations acting for growers; or by growers; or by growers for their own use or for the use of their own employees.

Authorized Ports of Entry

2. Seed potatoes may be imported into Cuba only through the ports of Havana, Cardenas, Matanzas, Caibarian, Nuevitas, Gibara, and Santiago de Cuba.

Varietal, Phytosanitary Certificate and Marking Requirements

3. a. Seed potatoes may be imported only from the United States and Canada.

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b. The only varieties which may be imported are Red Bliss Triumph, Pontiac, White Bliss Triumph, Irish Cobbler, Green Mountain, Katahdin, Sabago, Houma, Earline, and Chippewa.

c. Imports of seed potatoes must be accompanied by an inspection certificate issued by the Federal or State inspector or by a Growers' Association attached to any agricultural college. The certificate shall show the percentage of diseases noted by the inspector during his first and second field inspection trips and those noted at the time of packing and shipping. The time elapsed since harvesting must also be shown. This document must be certified by a notary public and by a Cuban Consulate located in the country of origin.

d. Every container of seed potatoes must bear an official card stating the source, number of the above-mentioned inspection certificate, name of the grower, net weight of the contents, and the number of days of germinative inactivity, or the date of harvesting

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